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1. In 1957, the Entwurfsbuero (planning office) of the East German Postal Service received an order from the Quartermaster of the Nationale Streitkraefte Dienststelle Strausberg (Strausberg headquarters of the National Armed Forces) for the projecting of an underground transmitting station according to preliminary projects drawn up by FFAB (Funk- und Fernmeldeanlagenbau Berlin) (radio and telecommunication equipment plant). This order was to be treated as classified material. The project was designated SES Strausberg. The significance of "SES" was not known. In a meeting with FFAB representative Hansel (electrical engineer) it was learned that the project involved a large aerial array. Projects for the interior equipment of the station were not completed pending final specification by the client.

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2. The station was to be located south of the Berlin-Muencheberg-Kuestrin highway No 5, east of Herzfelde, and in line with the localities of Kagel and Lichtenow.
3. The construction work was to be carried out by the Frankfurt/Oder VEB Bauunion. A work supervision office and temporary buildings for the accommodation of 120 workers were available at Herzfelde. A total of 3 million eastmarks was to be invested.
4. The entire project SES Strausberg was a classified matter, and all persons involved were bound to secrecy. Relevant data were not to be sent by mail but to be carried by messengers. The messengers wore civilian clothes and carried NVA identification cards.

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ANNEXES 2 - blueprints

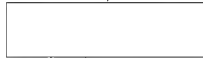
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5. Excavation work was started in April 1958 and may be expected to have been completed [redacted] In May 1958, the construction site was operational, building materials (gravel and cement) were being delivered, the living quarters were finished, and power was supplied via a transformer station. By late June 1958 the preliminary work was to be completed. Concrete work was to be started in July 1958 and the project was slated for completion in the fall of 1959.

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5. Excavation work was started in April 1958 and should have been completed by the end of May. In May 1958, the construction office was set up, building materials (gravel and cement) were being delivered, the construction workers' living quarters were finished, and power was supplied via a transformer station. By late June 1958 the preliminary work was to be completed. Concrete work was to be started in July 1958 and the project was slated for completion in the fall of 1959.
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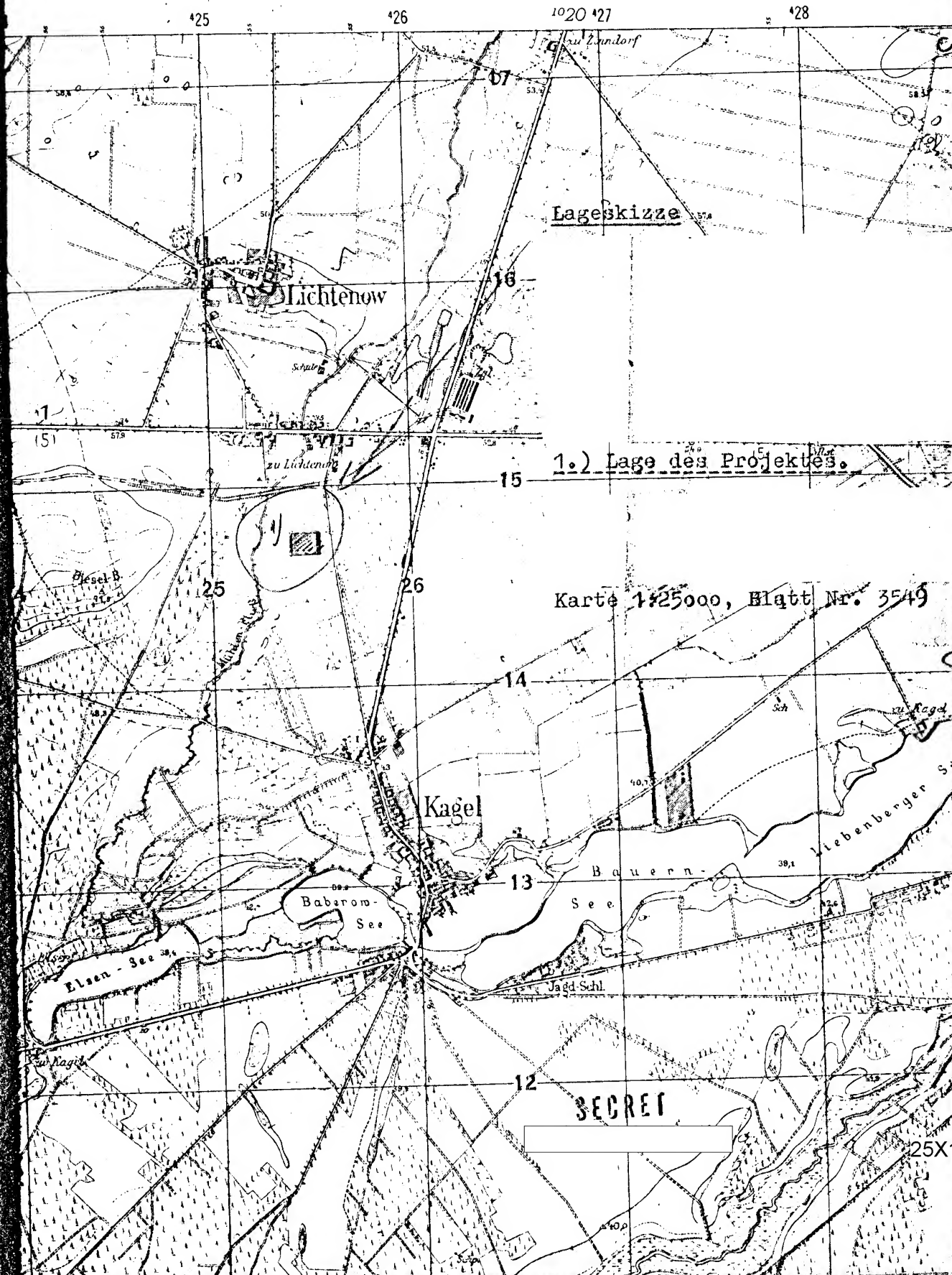
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